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A SOLDIER PRAYS FOR PEACE

Philippians 1:12-20

I. Motive for today's sermon.

A. 1st I want to thank Terry Ryan for his prayer request of us.

1. John Parker has informed you via Visitor

B. 2nd I'd like to thank our Elders-Deacons for enthusiastic support & devising how it shall be done.

C. 3rd I'd like to thank you for being a praying people.

D. 4th I'd like to prove to you via sermon's presentation prayer is effective.

II. My text is Phil. 1:12-20.

A. By purpose is to show you prayer was one of the ingredients of Paul's success.

B. Set the story.

1. Paul was bound and imprisoned v. 12

"But I would ye should understand

(a) Afflictions, (Wesley) forced him to depend more on God.

(b) They resulted in increased faith.

2. The whole guard via Bonds learned Blessings.

3. By them brethren waxed strong - they held Paul but strengthened the cause.

(a) Paul's bonds bound Satan!

4. He carried another affliction - some improperly motivated preached Christ.

v. 15 "Some indeed preach Christ

v. 16 "Supposing to add afflictions to

(a) But if Christ was preached!

v. 18 "What then? Not withstanding every

(b) Note it was Christ preached; not so much who was the preacher. Things happen not when a certain person preaches but when Christ is preached.

(c) God can bring good out of evil.

(d) If you preach the gospel, souls will be saved.

5. Let us magnify Christ

(a) Render (P.C.) all circumstances subservient to His will.

(b) Give him pre-eminence in your soul.

(c) Promote His salvation among others.

(d) Hell knows Jesus majesty - "Punished c everlasting destruct."

III. Our 19th verse

A. For I know that

1. Supreme confidence.

2. Not one doubt.

3. If I entirely surrender to God, He can make my opposition work for me!

4. Our troubles are going to end in the glory of God!

(a) Rough treatments give stones their luster.

(b) More you cut a diamond, the greater the glow!

5. What others want as hurt is to be my blessing.

6. Challenge is a tonic & a strength builder.

7. Laurin says he's optimistic toward final outcome.

8. Christianity will triumph in spite of weakness of proponents & opposition of opponents.

9. We don't keep Christianity going - Christ does!

B. This shall turn to my Salvation.

1. This an interesting word.

(a) Mean physical safety?

(b) Release to go to churches?

(c) Die go to Heaven? Safe either way.

2. Barclay says man acts for time & eternity - salvation could mean general well being in both time & eternity.

C. Salvation came in two ways:

1. "Thru your prayers" (v. 19)

I Thess. 5:25 "Brethren, pray for us

II Thess. 3:1-2 "Finally br. pray for us

I Thess 5:17 Pray w/o ceasing

*that the word
of the Lord...
free course
glorified*

2 Cor. 1:11 "Ye also helping together by p. ^{for us}
Phil. 22 "I trust that thru your pr. ^{I shall be given}
Rom. 15:30-31 "Strive together c me in your

- (a) He expected prayers
- (b) Assumed he had them
- (c) Tho an apostle, needed them
- (d) Valued them
- (e) Expected great results
- (f) Always needed help of God - Comfort to the sorrowing to know you bear their names to throne of Grace

2. Thru the supply of the Spirit

- (a) Holy Spirit came from Jesus

Jn. 15:26 "But when the Comforter is ^{whom I send}

- (b) Other passages like text

Rom. 8:9 "Now if any man have not

2 Cor. 3:17 "Where the Spirit of the Lord ^{liberty}

- (c) Had support of Holy Spirit - used only here exactly like this.
- (d) Jesus supports Spiritual life - clears it of prejudice, opens eyes of guilty to see self.
- (e) Usefulness is aim of genuine evangelism
- (f) Prayers help bring supply of spirit to ministers.

3. Paul called on both human & divine for success.

IV. The Conclusion

A. Very simple

- (1) If Christ is exalted
- (2) If we pray
- (3) If we are Spirit filled
- (4) We are going to move a mountain!

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FOR WHAT SHOULD I PRAY?

Acts 8:20-23

I. I'm afraid I've heard more discussion on things for which I could pray than on the general encouragement to pray.

A. This is our pattern--we want to do the right thing--but we spend so much time searching for the right we never get around to doing anything!

B. I remember our theological discussions at Locust Grove.

1. Could you pray for rain?

2. Could the sinner pray?

(Boyz d \$100⁰⁰)

II. Let's see if we can't encourage our prayer life a bit more by seeing things for which we are to pray.

A. That I am to pray is a well known fact.

I Tim. 2:1-8 "I exhort therefore, that, first of

1. Supplications are requests for certain needs.

Luke 1:13 "But the angel said unto him, Fe

2. Prayers are close communion with God.

3. Intercessions are on behalf of others.

Lu. 22:31-34 "And the Lord said, Simon, Si

4. Thanks is gratitude.

Col. 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in t

B. But let's see who we are to pray for?

1. We say "all it's our duty."

2. We say "Those world over."

3. We start "all that ask an interest."

C. But can we be more specific?

1. Pray for those who use us. (Hurry thru
inter section)
Matt. 5:42 "Give to him that asketh thee, and
he will give thee more." ⁱⁿ
2. Pray for little children. (1 out of 18) (Ring)
~~Lu. 19:13~~ "And he called his ten servants, and
said unto them, I go out of the country: whosoever
therefore will be faithful, let him be so; and he will
appoint him ruler over his household, and will give
him as much ground as he will." ^{19:13}
3. Pray for disciples.
John 17:20-21 "Neither pray I for these alone,
but for them which shall believe on me through
thy word."
4. Pray for other brethren.
I Thess. 5:25 "Brethren, pray for us."
5. Pray for sinning brother. (Honor System)
James 5:16 "Confess your faults one to another,
and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."
Acts 8:22-24 "Repent therefore of this thy
evil, and pray to the Lord, that he will forgive thee
this evil."
6. Pray for open doors. (What's speed law?)
Col. 4:3 "Withal praying also for us, that C
we may receive word of the Lord."
7. Pray for lost.
Rom. 10:1-3 "Brethren, my heart's desire and
prayer for Israel is, that they might be saved."
a. Note how we say "not that we'd have you
save them as they are" etc.
8. Pray for sick.
James 5:13-16 "Is any among you afflicted?
Let him call for the elders of the church, and let
them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the
name of the Lord."
9. Pray for kings.

I Tim 2:2

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IS GOD BIG ENOUGH FOR PRAYER

Job 11:708

I. How big is God?

A. To what shall we reduce Him? Inches, feet, miles?

B. We measure the solar system

1. Turn sun into solid mass--bore a hole in it exactly size of earth--you could stuff 1,200,000 earths and have room for 4,900,000 moons

2. Earth diameter 8,000 miles--Sun 1,000 times as great

3. Nearest star--Alpha Centauri--26 billion miles (give or take a doz. miles)---
Light year=distance a ray of light travels in 365 days at 186,000 miles per second--4 year. 5 mo. for Alpha's light to reach us.

C. Can't measure God

Phil. 4:19 "My God shall supply

1. Bigger than dollar, financial, sick, sin needs

Ps. 103:12 "As far as the east is from the west

2. Look at Calvary and see God's size!

II. Will He talk to me?

A. Are you just a no.

B. Income tax, auto, drivers, credit card,
time serving no.

C. Was 1st man Adam or No. 1

D. Got a name,

1. Individuality

2. Personality

III. Will He meet my need?

A. God hears prayers

Matt. 6:9 "Our Father which art in

1. Do you trust Jesus?

John 1:12 "But as many as rec. Him

Jer. 33:3 "Call upon me and I will answer

Ps. 34:18 "The Lord is nigh unto

Jn. 14:13, 14 "And whatsoever we shall
ask in my name that will I do

14 "If ye shall ask any thing

B. Do you pray?

Luke 18

James 5:16 "The supplication of a r. man ava

Mat. 6:8 "He knoweth what things we

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LET'S PRAY

I. What is prayer?

A. Talking to God.

1. Father Matt. 6:9
2. Son Acts 7:59-60
3. Holy Spirit Jude 20

B. God's name.

1. Elohim Gen. 1:1
God the strong & mighty one.
2. El Shaddai - all powerful.
3. Yau rush - of Grace, of Dependability
Ps. 23:1

C. Why Pray?

1. What it does for you personally.
2. Fellowship c God & communion.
3. Key way to will of God.
Lu. 11:10

D. Amen - So let it be. Phil. 2:13

II. In Prayer We Praise.

A. Define - to bless, to speak well of - used 250 X.

1. Hallelu
Ps. 111:1

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2. Baracha - to adore
All belongs to God.
Ps. 24:1

3. Hymnos - Praise
Acts 16:25

4. Bless - to make happy.

Job 1:20-21

B. When Praise.

Ps. 146:1-2

III. In Prayer we Confess.

Matt. 16:16

Ps. 66:18

A. We admit sin.

Rom. 3:23

I Pet. 2:24

Rev. 3:20

Rom. 7:24

I Jn. 1:9

B. God forgives & forgets.

I Jn. 1:9 = (Left us)

Matt. 8:15

Matt. 4:20

C. Scars remain.

Let nail holes in plank.

IV. In Prayer we Thank.

Ps. 50:14-15

Ps. 69:30

To magnify gives clearer image.

Ps. 77:12

Phil. 4:6-7

I Thess. 5:16-18

Ps. 136:1

V. In Prayer we Petition.

We make special requests.

Matt. 7:7-12

A. Be persistent but not impatient.

B. What is God's will in any situation?

1. 1st, Know His word as He directs us.
2. 2nd, expect His Providence.
3. 3rd, He'll influence others to help us.
4. Put out the fleece.

Judges 6:36-40

Ps. 37:4

VI. Prayer is Intercession.

A. We appeal for others.

Col. 1:9

James 5:16

Phil. 1:19

Rom. 8:26-27

B. Chopstick story.

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